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Present: Mayor Naugle
Commissioners Hutchinson, Katz, Moore and Smith

Also Present: City Manager, City Attorney, City Clerk and Police Sergeant

Mayor Naugle wished to take this opportunity to wish Jim Eckar a happy 88th birthday.

I-A – Citywide Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) Analysis

A presentation was scheduled by *Ms. Angela Medina*, National Urban Fellow, on the Citywide Capital Improvement Plan analysis, categorized geographically. The City Manager expressed appreciation to the Commission for allowing Ms. Medina to work on this over the past nine months. He stated that her initial assignment had been to examine the capital projects being handled through various initiatives and programs in order to establish a database that would demonstrate what would be built, when, at what cost, and what impacts on the community could be expected as a result.

The City Manager stated that a major part of the educational program would be turned over to CH2M Hill, and the information was not yet complete. However, he believed Ms. Medina had established a sufficient database to build upon. The City Manager introduced Ms. Medina and thanked the staff members who had participated in this process.

Ms. Medina explained that there had been a focus on projects that would directly affect the community, and she referred to the map and exhibits that had been distributed to the City Commission. She stated that the objective had been to provide a strategic planning tool for the Commission, City staff and the public to facilitate communication. Ms. Medina noted that the educational tool could be used to implement educational programs within the community in partnership with the schools. Once completed, she stated that this resource could be made available to the community on the Internet in order to facilitate coordination and planning. Ms. Medina added that this project had been an excellent learning experience for her, and she was appreciative of the opportunity that had been afforded her.

Commissioner Smith wondered if Ms. Medina had found any surprises. Ms. Medina replied that the most surprising thing she had discovered was just how much was being done in Fort Lauderdale as her prior experience had primarily involved the federal level.

Commissioner Katz appreciated what Ms. Medina had done because it was very important to the community. She wondered if there would be any way of knowing when projects would be finished. The City Manager stated that projected start and end dates were included in the database, although there was always some danger in predicting projects down to the month. He felt, however, that it was important to make information available such as how long a particular road might be inaccessible during a project, for example. Further, it was important to coordinate various projects in order to avoid, for instance, digging up a road for a sewer line only to have to dig it up again for a widening project. The City Manager hoped that this database could be updated on a monthly basis, particularly as to the Water and Sewer Master Plan. Mayor Naugle agreed regular updates would be essential as projects moved up and down on the timetable.

Commissioner Smith felt that if something was going to be made available on the Internet, it was essential the information be updated frequently because people would rely on it. The City Manager agreed it was important. He noted that one of the things Ms. Medina had discovered was how much was being done; yet the information had not been widely available.

The City Manager noted that page 11 of Exhibit 6 had an error with respect to the cost of improvements. He advised that the number should be \$194 million rather than \$352 million because there had been some double counts of projects relating to the Water and Sewer Master Plan.

Commissioner Moore said the educational component was of particular interest to him, and he wondered what other opportunities CH2M Hill might provide in terms of intern projects in the field of engineering for college students. *Mr. Tom McCormick*, Program Director for CH2M Hill, noted that there were ten years worth of activities involved in this program, which could have a great impact. He said he had spoken with School system representatives to determine what programs could be linked, and the Southeastern Consortium for Minorities in Engineering (SECME) could assist in building interest in municipal engineering services. In addition, Florida Atlantic University's College of Engineering could be valuable, and this concept could provide great opportunities for internships. Mr. McCormick stated that grant opportunities would also be sought, and attempts would be made to leverage existing resources to engage students.

Commissioner Moore suggested that the Community Services Board be contacted in this regard because it could serve as a link, as could the Council of Fort Lauderdale Civic Associations. He also felt it was important that completion dates be provided on the web site so everyone would be aware of project expectations. Commissioner Moore hoped staff would work the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) and Broward County so that when those agencies contemplated projects in Fort Lauderdale, they could be properly coordinated with other projects to realize cost savings and minimize disruptions.

Mayor Naugle agreed it would be very helpful if the various agencies used the same system in order to overlay and coordinate projects and schedules. Mr. McCormick noted that reaching all of the other civil construction entities in the community in order to link plans was an important component, although he did not expect that perfection could be achieved in that respect. Commissioner Moore thought that City staff, at least, could review the information as part of the construction process.

Action: As discussed.

I-B – Reimbursement of Installation Sewer Charges in the Tarpon River Neighborhood

A discussion was scheduled on a proposal to reimburse charges incurred by property owners for the installation of sanitary sewers in the Tarpon River neighborhood. The City Manager stated that since the implementation of this project, other actions had been taken with respect to extending sanitary sewer services to other areas. That, in turn, had raised some questions about repayment methods, and Commissioner Hutchinson had brought those concerns to his attention. The City Manager stated that staff needed guidance from the City Commission.

Mr. Greg Kisela, Assistant City Manager, said his initial concern had involved those who had not connected to the sewer system. He explained that people had to hire plumbers at a cost of \$1,500 to \$3,000, plus there was a \$1,000 connection fee in addition to the monthly bill. He recalled that during the public hearing on the special assessment held in 1998, the people had been evenly divided among those who wanted sewers and those who did not. Due to the economic hardship, a recommendation had been crafted to survey the public to determine opinion about the Water and Sewer Master Plan v special assessment projects as the Master Plan required connection within 90 days.

Mr. Kisela reported that about half of the property owners in Tarpon River had not connected for one reason or another. Commissioner Smith understood a mail survey was proposed. Mr. Kisela agreed a survey would be crafted, and a question would be posed as to whether people would connect if they received a \$3,500 refund. He believed that those who had paid the special assessment would be entitled to a refund, whether they were buyers or sellers. Commissioner Moore wondered why the City had to identify sellers. The City Attorney believed staff's presumption had been that the refunds would be made to the individuals who had paid the charges in the first place. Commissioner Moore thought they would have derived benefit, and Commissioner Smith agreed that would probably been included in the sales price of homes.

The City Attorney believed staff needed authorization from the Commission to go forward before doing any detailed research. As the process proceeded, staff might find a better way to go about it, but the guideline should be to provide refunds on a fair and equitable basis. Mayor Naugle was concerned about those who might feel they had a legal right to a refund. Mr. Kisela agreed detailed legal research would have to be conducted.

Mayor Naugle asked if duplexes had paid \$1,000. Mr. Kisela clarified that the fee had been \$1,000 per equivalent residential unit, so a duplex was not considered two units but something between one and a half to two units based on equations. Mayor Naugle recalled that the old system had been strictly based on square footage, but the new program had been based on equivalent residential units. Mr. Kisela agreed that was correct.

Mayor Naugle asked how vacant parcels were counted. Mr. Kisela said the zoning would have to be examined, and all the details had not yet been worked out. Commissioner Katz thought it would be very difficult to repay all those who had already paid and had derived the benefit of being connected. Commissioner Hutchinson understood they would be considered new customers. Commissioner Katz wondered if the Progresso neighborhood would be seeking a refund next. Commissioner Smith did not think that neighborhood would be affected, but the areas around the Executive Airport could be. Mr. Kisela agreed, and some of the current land uses would change in the future.

Mayor Naugle asked if the City could make the refund available to residential properties only. The City Attorney thought it was a possibility, although he would have to conduct additional research. Mr. Kisela added that the area around the Executive Airport would present some unique challenges, and the Argyl area would have to be addressed as well.

Mayor Naugle when the first part of Tarpon River had been sewerred, and Mr. Kisela believed it had been done in 1993 or 1994. Mayor Naugle recalled that there had been a period of moratorium because there had not been sufficient flow. He pointed out that commercial properties did not have to pay the 10% surcharge.

Commissioner Smith inquired about the impacts on financial strategy. Mr. Kisela estimated \$5 million to \$6 million on the capital side for Tarpon River, Argyl, and the Executive Airport area. Mayor Naugle thought the cost would be about half if commercial properties were not included and omitting the Executive Airport. Mr. Kisela thought the 10% surcharge would assist, along with the \$1,000 connection fee. Commissioner Smith noted that rate increases were also proposed in years 1, 6 and 10. Mr. Kisela did not think this would have impact on the programmed rate increases in those years. Mayor Naugle suggested that the research be conducted on the residential side at this time. Commissioners Moore and Hutchinson concurred, and also supported the survey.

Commissioner Moore understood the pool of money would have to come from a bond issue, and perhaps there would be State dollars available. Mr. Kisela agreed there would have to be some external funds. Commissioner Moore asked how the second phase of Tarpon River had been accomplished, and Mr. Kisela replied that a pay as you go program had been predominantly utilized. Now, the City was shifting from pay as you go to debt financing. Commissioner Moore felt everyone should realize that there had been two funding methodologies, and he thought there was merit to it. He also thought the commercial properties should be excluded.

Mayor Naugle announced that he might be entitled to one of the refunds, so he did not intend to take part in the vote on this issue. He understood there was consensus to go forward with the survey.

Mr. David Rose, President of the Tarpon River Civic Association, said the Association was requesting that the neighborhood have a say in this regard through a vote. His sense was that neighborhood residents would be very much in favor of this, and he believed the City would benefit if the entire neighborhood were sewered. Mr. Rose stated that the neighborhood would need advice as to what the law might require in terms of a vote.

Commissioner Moore noted that even if every one of the voters supported the new system, the impact would have to be evaluated first. Mr. Rose understood there might be a reason this could not be legally or procedurally accomplished, although he did not foresee a reason at this point.

Ms. Marsha Goldsby, President of the Lauderdale Manors Homeowners' Association, referred to the 10% surcharge new customers had to pay, and she wondered if it would apply from the date of connection. She hoped the Commission would recognize and address any monies due the City in all fairness. Commissioner Smith thought that amount would approximately \$100. Mr. Kisela agreed the amount was about \$3 or \$4 per month over 3 years.

Ms. Ruth Marks, Vice-President of the Tarpon River Civic Association, felt there was merit in saying that people had to pay something. On the other hand, the City had the use of the money over a certain period of time.

Mayor Naugle inquired about the timetable for this process. Mr. Kisela anticipated that survey results could be presented to the City Commission on July 2, 2002. Then, if there was consensus to go forward, the legal issues could be investigated. Commissioner Katz asked where the money for the research would come from, and Mr. Kisela replied that the Water & Sewer Fund would provide for the research.

Commissioner Moore asked that the research include an analysis of pay as you go v. debt financing just as to the Tarpon River project. Mr. Kisela replied that staff would address that and equity as it related to Tarpon River v. the other \$90 million that would be spent on sewerage the western part of the community. Mayor Naugle noted that sewerage was also planned for eastern areas. Commissioner Moore said this was the only area in which he was willing to consider this since it was done in 1998. Mr. Kisela believed Tarpon River, the Argyl area and the area of the Executive Airport were the areas in question. Commissioner Smith was not prepared to rule out the Executive Airport because he had not heard any arguments about why owners of business should not expect equity as well as residents.

Action: Approved as discussed.

I-C – Federal Courthouse Rebuild/Expansion Program

An update was scheduled on the status of the Federal Courthouse rebuild/expansion program and consideration of a proposal from the Downtown Development Authority (DDA) to sponsor a charrette on this issue. The City Manager said there were ongoing discussions about where to site a new courthouse, and the DDA had offered to fund a charrette in order to expand the base of input.

Mayor Naugle inquired about the timeline. Mr. Pete Witschen, Assistant City Manager, anticipated results toward the end of June. Mayor Naugle asked if there would be participations from neighborhoods. Mr. Witschen replied that all affected parties would participate, and it was the consensus of the Commission that anyone who wanted to participate would be afforded that opportunity.

Mr. Peter Feldman, of the CRA Advisory Board, stated that the Board was interested in participating in the charrette, and even to assist with funding. Commissioner Moore did not believe there was any need for funding thanks to the DDA. He also felt that was appropriate as the DDA would derive benefit from a federal courthouse in the downtown area, and that was the reason for this special taxing entity. Commissioner Hutchinson said a recent study had been conducted about the economic benefits to a community with the relocation of a courthouse, and Mr. Jerry Sternstein had agreed to provide copies for the charrette.

Action: Approved as discussed.

I-D – Retention of City's Auditor for the Fiscal Year Ended September 30, 2002 Audit

A discussion was scheduled regarding the retention of Arthur Andersen, LLP, as the City's auditor for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2002. The City Manager noted that Arthur Andersen, LLP was facing certain challenges, and the City Commission had asked staff to develop an RFP for these services in case it was necessary to seek a new auditor. He stated that the Director of Finance had provided a memorandum in this regard.

Mr. Damon Adams, Director of Finance, stated that Arthur Andersen no longer had offices in South Florida, and the successor firm of Ernst & Young was recommended as that would provide the same audit team as that used over the past three years. He advised that a new reporting model would be adopted this year, so it was important to have auditors familiar with the system in order to ensure a smooth transition. Mr. Adams noted this was a very significant issue for the Finance Department.

Commissioner Smith favored sending out an RFP. Commissioner Katz inquired about potential fees. Mr. Adams expected fees to increase somewhat due to extra work under the new model. Commissioner Katz understood this was required, and Mr. Adams explained it was required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board. Commissioner Moore understood the workload would change but not the hourly rate. Mr. Adams stated that the fee had not yet been negotiated.

Commissioner Moore preferred not to seek proposals but enter into an agreement with Sharpton & Brunson to lead the external audit to provide continuity, and then they could select a major company to join with them. He noted that Sharpton & Brunson were located across the street, and it was a minority-owned firm that had worked with the City in the past. Commissioner Moore felt the City's weakest link in working out diversity involved procurement. He viewed this as an opportunity for the City to "step up to the plate" and offer that diversity.

Commissioner Smith wondered if Sharpton & Brunson would be interested in responding to an RFP and if the firm was large enough. *Mr. Tony Brunson* stated that he would be interested in participating in the proposal process, although he had offered to work with Ernst & Young as a subcontractor. He agreed with Mr. Adams that continuity was important, particularly this year.

Commissioner Katz agreed this was an important transition, and the City had already experienced some upheavals, so continuity was significant. She felt proposals should be sought next year. Commissioner Moore asked what year of the five-year contract the City was in now, and Mr. Adams replied that this was fourth year in the five-year contract.

Commissioner Smith understood a new firm was being created with personnel from Arthur Andersen, LLP, and he believed there were more stable nationally-ranked firms that could do this work. Commissioner Moore agreed. He felt Sharpton & Brunson should take the lead and then select a larger firm, but the City would still receive a personal touch. Mayor Naugle noted that Mr. Adams strongly recommended continuing with Ernst & Young and with Sharpton & Brunson for one more year.

Action: Approved as recommended.

I-E – Community Cleanup Initiative – The South Florida Council of Boy Scouts and BFI Waste Systems of North American

A presentation was scheduled by The South Florida Council of Boy Scouts and BFI Waste Systems of North America for a proposed community cleanup project in the City. Mr. Pete Witschen, Assistant City Manager, explained that the intent was to identify two or three neighborhoods for specific clean up in partnership with the kids.

Mr. Bay Broby, BFI, introduced Mr. Bill Dunlop, with the Boy Scouts. He explained that if the City would select the neighborhoods, the clean up would commence on an agreed upon date. Mr. Broby hoped this would be the first of many clean up activities provided throughout Broward County.

Mayor Naugle suggested a concentration on the area surrounding the African American Research Library. Commissioner Moore agreed the area needed a clean up. Commissioner Katz pointed out that Federal Highway went through many Fort Lauderdale neighborhoods, and the storm drains were clogged with litter. Commissioner Moore believed the City had staff who were paid to address that type of situation.

It was the consensus of the Commission that each Commissioner would suggest a neighborhood for consideration.

Action: As discussed.

I-F – Dry Marinas, Inc. Facilities in Port Everglades

A discussion was scheduled on the Marine Advisory Board's recommendation to support the maintenance of operations by Dry Marinas, Inc. in Port Everglades. Mayor Naugle noted that although this facility was not located within Fort Lauderdale, it was extremely important to the marine industry, and he hoped the Commission would send a strong message to the County in this regard. He thought it would be good if the facility could be relocated to the south end of Port Everglades because this represented 25% of the dry rack marina storage in Broward County. Commissioner Katz believed the County was intent on closing this facility.

Mr. Frank Herhold, Executive Director of the Marine Industries Association of South Florida (MIASF), was very concerned about the potential for losing this marina capacity. He believed there were some options that should be investigated further, and one idea was to merge the Florida Marine Patrol facility with the current Dry Marina operation. An even better option would be to issue security credentials to customers of the Dry Marina operation. Mr. Herhold said a third option was to find another location in Port Everglades, and there were 27 acres available in the southwest corner of the site.

Mr. Herhold was hopeful that there would be a seamless transition with whatever option was finally selected. He pointed out that if the 260 customers of the Dry Marina facility had nowhere to go, they would leave this area, and this was an important segment of the marine industry. He urged the Commission's support, and he felt the County Commission should hear from the citizens of Fort Lauderdale.

Commissioner Hutchinson wondered if any other cities had taken a stand in this regard. Mayor Naugle suggested that the City contact Hollywood and Dania Beach in this regard.

Mr. John Pisz, member of the Marine Advisory Board, stated that just getting the County to discuss this issue seemed to be a major problem. He anticipated greater needs for this type of facility in the future as the downtown was redeveloped, and he hoped the City would do everything possible to get the attention of the County Commission.

Mr. Tom Jarkesy, one of the owners of Dry Marinas, Inc., stated that a feasibility study had just been completed, and over 175 of the boats in his facility had fly bridges and were very tall, but only about one-third of those could be accommodated in Broward County if this facility were closed due to the fixed bridges. Mr. Jarkesy stated that boats were getting larger. Mayor Naugle inquired about the greatest weight that could be accommodated, and Mr. Jarkesy replied that the maximum he could accommodate was 12,000 lbs.

Mayor Naugle wondered where Mr. Jarkesy's customers lived. He advised that 40% lived in Fort Lauderdale, and Hollywood came in second. In addition, there were 93 people on a waiting list for dockage.

Commissioner Moore said he was confused about how this facility presented a security issue at the Port. It was his understanding that cargo vessels were coming into the Port every day, and Mayor Naugle noted that in addition to the 6 million cruise ship passengers that passed through the Port each year, there was apparently some concern about the 260 customers of this facility. Commissioner Moore did not think this was a security issue. Commissioner Smith believed the checkpoint for cruise passengers and those going to the Convention Center had been moved to keep them out of certain areas of the Port. Mr. Jarkesy stated that there was nothing near the Dry Marinas facility.

Commissioner Moore wondered what the issue was since security was not a problem. Mayor Naugle stated that this was not a traditional business of Ports, and those who managed ports saw this as a nuisance.

Ms. Monique Brusho agreed security could not be the issue because if it were, the Port would now be allowing the facility to remain for another two years. She also noted that the facility had agreed to cooperate in terms of background checks in order to provide credentials for customers, but the Port had not even approached anyone about it.

Commissioner Smith thought everyone here agreed the facility should be maintained, and the question was how to get the County's cooperation. Mayor Naugle thought it would be helpful to solicit the support of Hollywood and Dania Beach. Commissioner Smith agreed and suggested that the Dry Marina facility's customers also send letters to the County Commission. It was the consensus of the Commission to adopt a resolution in this regard at this evening's regular meeting.

Action: Resolution to be presented at Regular Meeting.

I-G – City Attorney Recruitment

The City Commission was scheduled to review information on the applicants and discuss the next steps in the recruitment process for the position of City Attorney. Mr. Pete Witschen, Assistant City Manager, noted that a matrix of candidates had been compiled for Commission review today. Commissioner Hutchinson said she was prepared to list those she wished to interview. Commissioner Moore suggested that each Commissioner suggest 10 individuals and then see how many were named more than once. Commissioner Katz did not think it would be reasonable to ultimately interview more than five candidates. Commissioner Moore agreed, particularly as background checks would be necessary.

The Commission suggested consideration of the following applicants:

Commissioner Katz

Maria Chiaro
Marcia Cooke
Paul Gougelman
Quinn Jones, III
Dennis Mazurek
Lindsey Payne
Jeffrey Siniawsky
Harry Stewart

Commissioner Smith

Michael Brenner
Kathleen Burgener
Maria Chiaro
Marcia Cooke
Paul Gougelman, III
Dennis Mazurek
Lindsey Payne
Harry Stewart
Steven Zucker
Quinn Jones, III

Commissioner Moore

Maria Chiaro
Marcia Cooke
Quinn Jones, III
Charles Mays
Dennis Mazurek
Lindsey Payne
Cynthia Prettyman
Steven Zucker
Harry Stewart
Jeffrey Siniawsky

Commissioner Hutchinson

Kathleen Burgener
Marcia Cooke
Barbara Curtis
Charles Mays
Shirley Whatsitt

Mayor Naugle

Kathleen Burgener
Barbara Curtis
Lindsey Payne
Jeffrey Siniawsky
Daniel Weiss

At 3:02 p.m., the meeting was recessed. It was reconvened at 3:15 p.m.

Commissioner Hutchinson noted that management experience had been one of the listed criteria, but five of the potential candidates did not have that experience. Commissioner Katz said that the applications had been reduced to just a few words, and not everything was reflected in the matrix. She suggested the list be reduced from the top 12 candidates. Commissioner Smith agreed. Mayor Naugle thought the Commissioners could interview those 12 candidates. Commissioner Smith felt some follow-up calls should be made by the City Attorney's Office to those who might not have listed management experience, for example, in order to obtain additional information.

Mayor Naugle said he was willing to study the information and interview all 12 candidates himself. Commissioner Moore suggested consideration of the first 8 candidates because it appeared certain names had been listed by more than three Commissioners. Commissioner Smith had no objection.

Commissioner Katz said she was willing to go forward with 12 candidates and then reduce that list to 5 for interviews. Commissioner Hutchinson asked who would reduce the list. Commissioner Katz thought a consultant could do it or some other separate person. Commissioner Hutchinson felt this was the Commission's job. Commissioner Moore believed that if each Commissioner conducted his or her own research into the top 8 candidates, the Commission would then be able to reduce the list to 5 at the next meeting. Commissioner Smith said he could live with 12, but he preferred 8.

Commissioner Moore felt the Commission could evaluate the information about the top 8 and even interview the individuals if they wished, and then the Commission could reduce the list to 5 for interviews. He thought the interviews should be private, but Commissioner Hutchinson disagreed. She felt the list should stay at 12 now, and the interviews should be public in terms of the final 5 candidates.

Commissioner Smith preferred to start with 8 candidates and privately interview them if the Commissioners wished and then narrow the list to the top 3 candidates at the next meeting. Commissioner Moore supported the idea. Commissioner Hutchinson and Mayor Naugle did not.

It was the consensus to start with 8 candidates, with each Commissioner holding optional one-on-one interviews, in order to narrow the list to no less than 3 and no more than 5 candidates on June 4, 2002. Commissioner Hutchinson and Mayor Naugle did not support the idea.

Action: As discussed; subject to be placed on June 4, 2002 agenda.

II-A – Single Audit of Federal Awards and State Financial Assistance for the Fiscal Year Ended September 30, 2001

Action: Status Report.

II-B – Contractual Compliance Report – Large User Wastewater Agreements

Action: Status Report.

II-C – Water and Wastewater Capital Improvement Program (CIP) Master Plan – Sanitary Sewer Connection Costs, Available Grants and Financing

A report was presented on the sanitary sewer connection costs, available grants and financing for the City's Water and Wastewater CIP Master Plan. Mayor Naugle thought the Equivalent Residential Unit (ERU) should be clearly defined, and Mr. Greg Kisela, Assistant City Manager, advised that staff would work out the language.

Commissioner Katz wondered who paid the plumbers' fees, and Mr. Kisela replied that the property owners paid those fees, and the costs were estimated at \$1,500 to \$3,000. Mr. Kisela stated that residents would incur those costs in order to connect to the sewer within 90 days of completion. Commissioner Katz felt people should be informed that they had to connect within 90 days. Mr. Kisela advised that information would be contained in the informational pamphlets.

Commissioner Smith wondered how many people would qualify for the subsidy. Mr. Kisela anticipated that there were 20,000 potential homes to be connected, and about 10% would meet the income criteria and half of those would be property owners. Therefore, about 5% of the 20,000 households would be eligible for the hardship subsidy of \$1,000 for a total of \$1 million over a 7-year period. Mr. Kisela added that \$100,000 per year for 10 years had already been programmed with Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds.

Action: Approved.

II-D – Proposed Purchasing Contract Extensions for the Third Quarter of 2002 (July to September)

A report was presented on the proposed Purchasing contract extensions for the third quarter of 2002 (July to September). Commissioner Moore was concerned about the Trophy contract and asked how long it had been in effect. Mr. Kirk Buffington, Purchasing Manager, stated that this was a new contract, although the vendor had part of the contract before it had been rebid in July, 2000.

Action: Approved.

II-E – Status of the Andrews Avenue/3rd Avenue and 7th/9th Avenue Connector Projects

A report was presented on the status of the Andrews Avenue/3rd Avenue and 7th/9th Avenue Connector Projects. Commissioner Smith inquired about the timeline. Mr. Greg Kisela, Assistant City Manager, believed it would take 10 to 12 months to complete the PD&E Study. Mr. Hector Castro, City Engineer, advised that the preliminary PD&E Study had essentially been completed by Kimley-Horn.

Commissioner Smith understood a funding request would be presented to the Commission after completion of the full PD&E Study, which would then be presented to the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO). Mr. Castro agreed that was the process, and a contract amendment with Kimley-Horn could be presented on June 4, 2002 in order to maintain continuity.

Mayor Naugle inquired about the status of Fort Lauderdale's seats on the MPO. Commissioner Smith thought that in order to take away Fort Lauderdale's second vote, 75% of the MPO membership present had to agree. He reported that all of the County Commissioners present had voted against the City, and he felt Fort Lauderdale should maintain its current representation or gain another member. Commissioner Smith provided the Commission with the MPO members and phone numbers so they could lobby them for their support because certainly all the western cities wanted to take away a seat. The City Clerk agreed to obtain an updated MPO membership list. Commissioner Moore felt Fort Lauderdale should "legitimize" its request, and Commissioner Smith noted that the City was the County seat with a daytime population of 500,000.

Action: As discussed.

III-B – Advisory Board Vacancies

1. **Board of Adjustment**

Commissioner Hutchinson wished to appoint Scott Strawbridge as an alternate member to this Board, and Commissioner Katz suggested the appointment of E. Birch Willey as an alternate member.

Action: Formal action to be taken at Regular Meeting.

2. **Board of Commissioners of the City of Fort Lauderdale Housing Authority**

Mayor Naugle wished to appoint V. “Ginny” Miller and Ruby Slaton to the Housing Authority.

Action: Formal action to be taken at Regular Meeting.

3. **Community Appearance Board**

Action: Deferred.

4. **Community Services Board**

Action: Deferred.

5. **Education Advisory Board**

Mayor Naugle suggested the appointment of Nancy Thomas and Vickie Brennan to this Board. Commissioner Katz wished to appoint Pio R. Ieraci to the Education Advisory Board.

Action: Formal action to be taken at Regular Meeting.

6. **Historic Preservation Board**

Action: Deferred.

7. **Marine Advisory Board**

Commissioner Hutchinson wanted to appoint Richard Duncan to the Marine Advisory Board.

Action: Formal action to be taken at Regular Meeting.

8. **Northwest-Progresso-Flagler Heights Redevelopment Advisory Board**

The Commission wished to reappoint William Cone, Sr., Les Lambert, Brice J. Lambrix, and Stan Brown.

Action: Formal action to be taken at Regular Meeting.

9. Planning and Zoning Board

Commissioner Hutchinson wanted to appoint Mary Fertig to the Planning and Zoning Board. Commissioner Katz wished to reappoint Carolina Weibe, and Commissioner Smith reappointed E. Gerald Cooper.

Action: Formal action to be taken at Regular Meeting.

OB – Post Office RFP Evaluation and Selection Committee

Commissioner Hutchinson stated that Tom Vogel, of Riverwalk, was interested in serving on this Committee, and she wanted to appoint Art Bengochea as well.

Action: Formal action to be taken at Regular Meeting.

IV – City Commission Reports

1. Terrorism

Commissioner Katz said that in view of an article in today's newspaper about terrorists found in Port Everglades, it might be appropriate to have some sort of sign-in requirement to provide a measure of security at City Hall. She noted that when she visited the County Courthouse, she had to sign in, and private office buildings even required it as well. Commissioner Moore advised that nobody at the County ever checked the information he provided when he signed in, so he was not sure it provided any security or just a false sense of security.

Commissioner Hutchinson did not think this was a bad idea, but she did not know how the other door to City Hall could be monitored. Commissioner Moore believed employees had identification cards, so perhaps employees could be asked to sign in. Mayor Naugle was against imposing high security on people visiting their own governments, and he did not think City Hall was any more vulnerable than K-Mart, for example. However, the security guard desk could be remodeled to provide a view of both doors.

The City Manager agreed staff was looking into the possibility of moving the security desk to provide a view of both doors, along with a number of other measures that had been recommended. While he was not necessarily leaning toward limiting access by requiring visitors to sign in, securing the north door might be worth considering, particularly since cash was kept in the Utilities area in that location. He was also considering limiting access to certain floors within the building. The City Manager advised that staff would continue investigating the needs and costs involved.

Commissioner Smith agreed with Mayor Naugle. He felt a lot of citizens were already intimidated about coming to City Hall, and he did not want to make it more difficult for people to participate in government, although he had no objection to having a sign in sheet to provide some record of who people said they were. Mayor Naugle did not think it would be right to require photographic identification to visit your government.

Commissioner Smith thought the Commission offices should be on the first floor. Mayor Naugle recalled that a study had been conducted on the frequency of visits to the different City offices, and the water billing function had been moved to the first floor because that was the office visited most frequently. Commissioner Moore suggested the use of security cameras.

Action: City Manager to review security recommendations.

2. Economic Development Workshop

Commissioner Katz said she had enjoyed the recent economic development workshop and wondered when the next would be scheduled. Mr. Witschen stated that a recap would be provided on June 4, 2002, and Bevan Rose would be present to facilitate the discussion. He expected another workshop with the stakeholders during the summer. Commissioner Katz asked that it be scheduled as soon as possible.

Action: As discussed.

3. Long-Range Planning

Commissioner Katz noted that there were a lot of initiatives underway in the City, and she thought the Commission should decide on its priorities. Commissioner Smith agreed the Commission had not done much in the way of prioritizing over the last couple of years.

The City Manager pointed out that budget priorities had been considered every year, but he believed Commissioner Katz was talking about prioritizing studies, such as the Urban Design Elements, a Transportation Study, and an Economic Development Study. He believed he could present a recommendation in this regard on June 18, 2002. Commissioner Katz hoped it would be linked to the budget on a neighborhood and Citywide basis. The City Manager thought he could do that.

Action: City Manager to provide recommendation on June 18, 2002.

4. Congress for New Urbanism in Miami

Commissioner Katz reported that she planned to attend the Congress for New Urbanism in Miami. Commissioner Smith also planned to attend.

Action: None.

5. Privatization of City Services

Commissioner Smith desired a Conference discussion about the potential for privatizing some City services. Commissioner Katz felt that could be a part of the Long-Range Planning discussion. Mayor Naugle thought it would be a good idea to examine the issues. He noted that the City already privatized in the areas of jail, meals, fleet repairs, and part of the garbage collection services.

The City Manager suggested that staff be allowed to prepare a report on efforts toward privatization to date and what could perhaps be privatized in the future. He noted that a significant segment of the City's workforce would soon be reaching retirement age, so this would be a good opportunity to look into some ideas.

Commissioner Smith reported that the State of Florida was considering hiring a private company to handle its human resources management. The City Manager said that he had not been very impressed with the privatization done by the State, and he thought the State might be having some second thoughts as well. Commissioner Smith thought there were probably those who were not very impressed with how the City managed its personnel either. He provided the City Manager with some informational materials in this regard.

Action: City Manager to research and report.

6. Pension Funds

Commissioner Moore desired a Conference discussion about using a portion of the City's pension funds toward providing mortgages for City employees. Commissioner Smith suggested that staff provide a report on how pension funds were currently invested to further the Conference discussion. Commissioner Moore agreed that was a good idea and felt investing in real estate should be considered.

Action: Conference discussion to be scheduled.

7. Police Services

Commissioner Moore reported that many of his constituents felt the level of police services differed from one quadrant of the City to another. He was concerned about the visibility of police, too. Commissioner Moore wanted to know how police details were handled and how locations were selected because the public's perception was that those who could afford police protection received it from the City. He also wanted to know how much the DDA was paying for extra police in the downtown area, and he desired discussion about the possibility of private security firms providing those types of services. Commissioner Smith recalled discussion in that regard, but the DDA had wanted uniformed officers. Commissioner Moore suggested giving contract work to retired police officers.

The Police Chief advised that reserve officers were used through a contract with the FOP, such as at the War Memorial Auditorium for events. He noted that most reserve officers were recent retirees.

Commissioner Hutchinson thought the reason police officers were so visible downtown was that in addition to the DDA providing special details, the businesses on 2nd Street also paid for details on the weekends. In addition, the Riverfront provided weekend details. Commissioner Moore understood that and that was the reason he wanted to explore other methods of providing private police services because uniformed officers gave the impression that the City was providing these extra services. Further, the City had provided the uniforms, weapons, cars, etc. Commissioner Smith had no objection to discussing the subject, and Commissioner Moore desired information about the rules for details. The City Manager said he could provide a report.

Action: Subject to be placed on Conference agenda.

8. Neighborhoods USA Conference – Houston, Texas

Commissioner Hutchinson reported that she would be traveling to Houston, Texas tomorrow for the Neighborhoods USA Conference.

Action: None.

9. CVC Project in Snyder Park

Commissioner Hutchinson reported that the CVC project in Snyder Park was scheduled for June 15, 2002 after a 7:30 a.m. breakfast. She encouraged everyone to participate, and she had been told that all the tools and other needs would be provided. Commissioner Smith reported that there was a large family of iguanas living in Snyder Park.

Action: None.

10. Land Use Amendment – Sailboat Bend

Mayor Naugle reported that the South Florida Planning Council had the second reading on the Land Use Plan amendment for Sailboat Bend this week. He wondered, in light of what had happened in Commissioner Smith's district, that the City was safe in supporting this Plan Amendment. Commissioner Smith was not sure what Mayor Naugle was referring to, and he explained his concern about the "bait and switch" involved in a promised condominium project. He felt there was a "credibility crisis" in the City's Planning Division over changes of building plans.

Commissioner Smith recalled discussion about an ordinance that would, for example, prevent a developer from promising home ownership only to substitute rentals later. The City Attorney stated that there was a certain amount of existing law, and staff was trying to work around the idea that the City could not regulate on the basis of form of ownership. He explained that the type of ordinance he envisioned would trigger a review if a plan were changed, but it would not relate to the form of ownership.

Commissioner Hutchinson asked if support for this land use amendment could be conditioned at the Planning Council level. Mayor Naugle wondered if the property had been rezoned or if the issue was awaiting his Land Use Plan Amendment. The City Attorney said it should be changed at the Land Use Plan level first, and then it would come to the City for rezoning. Commissioner Hutchinson wondered if conditions could be imposed at that stage. Mayor Naugle noted that there had been conditions on other site plans. The City Attorney said he would provide a report on this particular project and its status with the Planning Council.

Commissioner Moore wondered if the City could prevent someone from buying 8 townhomes, for example, and then leasing them out to others. The City Attorney replied that the City could not stop it.

Action: As discussed.

V – City Manager Reports

1. EMS Facilities

The City Manager reported that a public hearing was scheduled for June 11, 2002 dealing with revisions to County regulations relating to EMS facilities. He advised that the EMS Coalition was seeking the support of all the City Commissions involved, and he requested this Commission's support of the revisions.

Action: City Commission supported revisions to EMS facilities regulations.

2. Engineering Bureau Resources

The City Manager stated that with the recent loss of services of several of his engineers, he was reaching out to various engineering firms to find people qualified to help the City continue the projects that were underway. He planned to hire Mr. Gregory Lady, from Carr-Smith, on a 90-day contract to help with traffic engineering, and he intended to interview at least two other engineers on June 4, 2002.

Commissioner Smith was glad the City Manager was being proactive, and Commissioner Hutchinson agreed. Commissioner Smith felt this was a good opportunity to consider privatizing some of the City's engineering needs.

Action: None.

3. Director of Office of Professional Standards

The City Manager reported that telephone interviews had been conducted, and he hoped to select someone by the end of June for the position of Director of Office of Professional Standards.

Action: None.

Meeting adjourned at 4:25 p.m.

NOTE: A MECHANICAL RECORDING HAS BEEN MADE OF THE FOREGOING PROCEEDINGS, OF WHICH THESE MINUTES ARE A PART, AND IS ON FILE IN THE OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK FOR A PERIOD OF TWO YEARS.